

# California Wilderness Conference

May 5-7, 2000

California State University, Sacramento



*"Man has to stand by his own decision and strive to attain his goal wholeheartedly. I regret that I had never met John Muir, who lived in California, nor heard in his own words his praise of nature. Within this state, as well as nationwide, he was regarded as the father of the movement to protect nature."*

Chiura Obata 1928

On May 5-7, citizens from across the state will gather to learn about, celebrate, and take action for California's last wild places. Join us and learn how you can take part in the exciting campaign to preserve the wilderness heritage of the Golden State.

Be a part of the dynamic campaign to save millions of acres of California wilderness and free flowing rivers.

## Learn

- about our new California Wild Heritage campaign,
- about what wilderness is and means,
- about how we will preserve what wild places are left to save.

## Celebrate

- the diversity of wilderness users,
- the history of wilderness preservation in California,
- the future of wilderness protection by welcoming a new generation of wilderness activists.

## Act

- by applying your new knowledge,
- by using your new personal connections to other wilderness activists,
- by working to make your wilderness vision a reality with the California Wild Heritage campaign.

*"The early California Wilderness Conferences helped protect untold thousands of wild acres, overcoming the opposition of every private interest group imaginable.*

*But there is still much more to do....*

*The California Wilderness Conference 2000 will bring us and wild-lands together. See you there!"*

David R. Brower

Make Your Wilderness Vision a Reality. Be There!

A time to Learn – A time to Celebrate – A time to ACT.



## Key Speakers Include

**CHRIS ARTHUR** is the former legislative director for Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

**SUSAN HOPE BOWER** works with the Christian Environmental Council and the North American Coalition for Christianity and Ecology.

**BARBARA BOYLE** is the Sierra Club's Regional Director for California/Nevada/Hawaii.

**REV. SHARON DELGADO** is author of *Hope for the Earth: A Handbook for Christian Environmental Groups*.

**JIM EATON** is a founder of the California Wilderness Coalition and was its Executive Director for close to 20 years.

**DAVID FOREMAN** helped create The Wildlands Project and worked for The Wilderness Society for many years.

**SCOTT HOFFMAN BLACK** is the Director of the California Wild Heritage Campaign.

**IZZY MARTIN** is a Nevada County Supervisor who worked to give the South Yuba River 'Wild and Scenic River' status.

**CHRIS PETERS** is Executive Director of the Seventh Generation Fund, a national Native American public foundation.

**BETSY REIFSNIDER** is the Executive Director of Friends of the River and previously worked with the Mono Lake committee.

**DAVID ROBERTSON** is a Professor of English at UC Davis, and a leader of the Putah-Cache Creek Bioregion project.

**DOUG SCOTT** is the Communication Director of People for Puget Sound and was Conservation Director for the Sierra Club.

**MICHAEL SOULÉ** is a conservation biologist with The Wildlands Project.

**GARY SNYDER** is a Pulitzer Prize winning poet and author.

**PAUL SPITLER** is the Executive Director of the California Wilderness Coalition.

**CONNIE STEWART** is Mayor of Arcata and works for the Northcoast Environmental Center.

**JAY WATSON** is the Western Regional Director of The Wilderness Society.

## Key Panels Include

**CULTURAL VALUES & THE WILDERNESS MOVEMENT**  
Learn more about dynamic leadership demonstrated by members of California's diverse ethnic groups. Connie Stewart, Mayor of Arcata.

**FINDING COMMON GROUND: BUSINESS PARTNERS**  
How do we identify and work with businesses to advocate for wilderness protection? Leigh Fitzpatrick, Sierra Business Council.

**CREATION-VALUING SPIRITUALITY**  
People from several faith traditions will reflect on our human role as members of the community of life, called to protect and treasure all of God's creation. Susan Hope Bower, Christian Environmental Council.

**WOMEN IN WILDERNESS**  
What special perspectives, qualities and strengths can women offer to the wilderness movement? Susan Tixier, Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

**WILDERNESS USERS: CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
Can we find tolerance and understanding for traditional wilderness users? Listen as those most affected outline their concerns and needs. Sally Miller, The Wilderness Society.

**THE CALIFORNIA DESERT ACT: WE'RE NOT DONE YET**  
Come hear from those who were and who remain in the trenches as the complex follow-up of that monumental legislation unfolds. Jim Dodson, Sierra Club.

**USING THE MEDIA: IF A TREE FALLS IN THE FOREST AND LOCAL TV NEWS DIDN'T COVER IT, DID IT REALLY FALL?**  
Get your message out and do it creatively: ideas and strategies. California Wild Heritage Campaign Staff.

**ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL**  
How to focus positive actions on key decision-makers and blunt the power of your opposition. Wild Heritage Campaign Staff.

**REGIONAL PANELS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
The California Wild Heritage Campaign organizers will help us work together region by region to identify key decision makers, analyze our opposition, and develop our tools and plans to ensure success. California Wild Heritage Campaign Staff.

**CONSERVATION SCIENCE & THE WILDLANDS PROJECT**  
The Wildlands Project is a visionary approach to restoring and protecting the ecological biota of the North American continent. Dave Foreman, The Wildlands Project.

**WILDERNESS ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS: CURRENT PHILOSOPHY AND MANAGEMENT**  
This discussion will focus on wilderness stewardship and management issues faced by public agencies and look at what they envision in the 21st Century. Jim Eaton, founder, California Wilderness Coalition.

**WILDERNESS AS HABITAT**  
Challenges we face in protecting old growth trees, oaks, bears, lions, eagles, amphibians, tule elk, martin, fisher, and bighorn sheep. Lynn Sadler, Mountain Lion Foundation.





## Friday\*

- 1:00 pm WELCOME TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS CONFERENCE – Paul Spittler
- 1:15-1:40 KEYNOTE – CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS: HISTORY & FUTURE – Jim Eaton
- 1:45-3:15 THE 1964 WILDERNESS ACT – A panel moderated by Jay Watson
- 3:30-4:30 THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT – A panel moderated by Betsy Reifsnider
- 4:30-5:00 DIVERSITY IN WILDERNESS ACTIVISM
- 5:00-5:30 Grantland Johnson, Secretary, California Health & Human Services (invited)
- 8:00-10:00 EVENING MIXER, Frank Helling as John Muir  
Talk by Dave Foreman  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
“Forever Wild” slide show

## Saturday

- 8:30-9:00 am KEYS TO SUCCESS – Barb Boyle
- 9:00-10:00 CALIFORNIA WILD HERITAGE CAMPAIGN overview and slide show, Ryan Henson and Scott Hoffinan Black
- 10:00-10:30 WILDERNESS ON THE NATIONAL SCENE – Doug Scott
- 10:45-12:00 ISSUE PANELS – Session I
- 1:00-2:15 ISSUE PANELS – Session II
- 2:30-4:00 REGIONAL WORKSHOP
- 4:15-5:30 ISSUE PANELS – Session III
- 6:30-11:00 pm DINNER – Emceed by Joan Reinhardt Reiss, President, CWC  
A Success Story: the South Yuba Wild and Scenic River – Izzy Martin  
Vignettes, recognition and awards with David Brower, Martin Litton, Ike Livermore, Harriet Allen, Ed and Peggy Wayburn, Lucille Vinyard, Floyd Buckskin, and many others  
Music by Mumbo Gumbo

## Sunday

- 8:30-9:30 WILDLAND SPIRITUALITY – David Robertson, Gary Snyder, Reverend Sharon Delgado
- 9:30-9:50 WHY ENVIRONMENTALISTS AREN'T AS POPULAR AS THEY ONCE WERE – Chris Arthur
- 10:00-11:30 REGIONAL WORKSHOP – Session II
- 11:40-12:10 A CALL TO ACTION – Dave Foreman
- 12:10-12:20 FINAL THANK YOUS AND ADJOURN
- 1:00-4:00 AD HOC CAUCUS ORGANIZING

*“Stop the bulldozers and lock up the chainsaws. This may be our last chance to save significant bits of the California that was. All wilderness advocates should attend the conference.”*

Martin Litton

\*Visit website for complete updated schedule [www.calwild.org](http://www.calwild.org)

### CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail it, with payment (check or credit card) to California Wilderness Coalition, CONFERENCE, 2655 Portage Bay East, #5, Davis, CA 95616. Forms may be faxed to (530) 758-0382, or emailed to [info@calwild.org](mailto:info@calwild.org). Registration confirmation\* will be sent upon receipt of payment. (Please print)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Affiliated organization _____ Title or Position _____ Home Phone _____ Work Ph. _____ Fax _____ Email _____ Which unprotected wilderness have you adopted or which is your favorite? Please print names of all registrants here: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____		<b>REGISTRATION ITEMS</b> <table border="0"> <tr> <th></th> <th># of Items</th> <th></th> <th>Total</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Conference</td> <td>_____</td> <td>@ \$45<sup>00</sup></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday box lunch</td> <td>_____</td> <td>@ \$ 9<sup>00</sup></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Celebration dinner (must pre-register)</td> <td>_____</td> <td>@ \$25<sup>00</sup></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conference T-shirt</td> <td>_____</td> <td>@ \$12<sup>00</sup></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Dinner: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian</td> <td colspan="2">Total Fee _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Shirt #'s &amp; size(s): _____ M _____ L _____ XL</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in a scholarship (Some scholarships available)  <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in staying with a host         </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Owner's Name (print as appears on card) _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Credit Card Number _____</td> <td colspan="2">Exp. Date _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Owner's signature _____</td> <td colspan="2">Date _____</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Map and further information will be included with your registration confirmation packet.</p>		# of Items		Total	Conference	_____	@ \$45 <sup>00</sup>	_____	Saturday box lunch	_____	@ \$ 9 <sup>00</sup>	_____	Saturday Celebration dinner (must pre-register)	_____	@ \$25 <sup>00</sup>	_____	Conference T-shirt	_____	@ \$12 <sup>00</sup>	_____	Dinner: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian		Total Fee _____		Shirt #'s & size(s): _____ M _____ L _____ XL				<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in a scholarship (Some scholarships available) <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in staying with a host				Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express				Owner's Name (print as appears on card) _____				Credit Card Number _____		Exp. Date _____		Owner's signature _____		Date _____	
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"These lands are the last of the best that we inherited — all there ever will be. We must act soon to preserve this wealth of wilderness."

*Los Angeles Times* editorial, July 19, 1999

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**Lodging:**

Each of these hotels offers different rates and amenities. When making reservations please explain you are with the conference. Book early to use the rates listed here. (Prices do not include tax.)

Inns of America/916-386-8408/\$50 per night/1 mile to CSUS  
Courtyard by Marriott/916-638-8487/\$64 per night/6 miles  
Days Inn/800-550-0055/\$43 to \$51 per night/6 miles  
Super 8/800-550-0055/\$39-\$44 per night/8 miles  
Fairfield Inn by Marriott/916-631-7500/\$67 per night/6 miles

Some spaces for students and low-income participants are available at the Sacramento International Hostel. Please call 916-443-1691 and mention the conference to make a reservation. If you would like to stay in a private home with a volunteer host please email us at [info@calwild.org](mailto:info@calwild.org).

**Food:**

Food service on campus is limited during the weekend. We suggest bringing your own lunch and snacks, and/or ordering the box lunch option for Saturday.

**Parking:**

A parking pass and map to the conference will be included in your confirmation packet.



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